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DURHAM MAN WINS \$1 MILLION WITH WINNING POWERBALL TICKET

-Powerball Jackpot Rolls to an Estimated \$153 Million--"Carolina Cash 5" Ticket Worth \$152,867 Sold in Kings Mountain-

RALEIGH-Larry Basden of **Durham** picked random numbers when filling out his Powerball play slip for the Feb. 27 drawing and ended up with a ticket worth \$1,000,000. He matched all five white balls and Power Played the ticket. The multiplier was 5, increasing his winnings from \$200,000 to \$1,000,000. Basden purchased his winning ticket at the Bilboa Food Mart, Inc. on Angier Avenue in **Durham**.

Basden said he watched the Powerball drawing live on television and wrote down the winning numbers. When he began comparing the numbers to the ones on his ticket, he said, "It got real interesting." Basden says he plans to invest some of the money and perhaps take a fishing trip.

In addition to Basden's lucky ticket, two Powerball players matched four out of five white balls plus the Power Ball in last night's drawing. The tickets—sold in **High Point** and **Charlotte**—are each worth \$10,000. The prizes have yet to be claimed.

No one won the Powerball jackpot on Wednesday, so the jackpot for the Saturday, March 1, drawing is worth an estimated \$153 million! A total of 60,113 Powerball players won prizes in the drawing, ranging from \$1,000,000 down to \$3 for a total payout in prizes worth \$1,595,206.

Two "Carolina Cash 5" drawing players won the jackpot this week. In the Feb. 25 "Carolina Cash 5" drawing, one ticket matched all five numbers. The ticket, purchased at the SFM Stores on West King Street in **Kings Mountain**, is worth \$152,867. In the Feb. 27 "Carolina Cash 5" drawing, one ticket matched all five numbers and is worth \$76,609. The ticket was sold at the Sheetz 380 on South Mebane Oaks Road in **Mebane**. These prizes have yet to be claimed.

The NCEL has paid out more than \$5 million total in instant scratch-off ticket prizes since Monday, Feb. 25. Also since Thursday, "Carolina Cash 5" players have won nearly \$323,000 and "Carolina Pick 3" players have won more than \$608,000 in prizes.

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Winners in the Feb. 27 Powerball drawing:

WinnerHometownAmount WonStore Where Ticket Was PurchasedLarry Basden\$1,000,000Bilboa Food Mart, Inc.

3639 Angier Ave., Durham

Unknown \$10,000 Quality Mart #35

4501 Regency Dr., High Point

Unknown \$10,000 Food Lion #1080

9021 Albemarle Rd., Charlotte

Winner in the Feb. 25 "Carolina Cash 5" drawing:

<u>Winner</u> <u>Hometown</u> <u>Amount Won</u> <u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>

Unknown \$152,870 SFM Stores

212 West King St., Kings Mountain

Winner in the Feb. 27 "Carolina Cash 5" drawing:

<u>Winner</u> <u>Hometown</u> <u>Amount Won</u> <u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>

Unknown \$76,609 Sheetz 380

1237 S. Mebane Oaks Rd., Mebane

Winner in the Feb. 21 "Carolina Cash 5" drawing:

<u>Winner</u> <u>Hometown</u> <u>Amount Won</u> <u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>

Kent Barber Morganton \$37,928 Times Turn Around #26

1110 Lenoir Rhyne Blvd., Hickory

Winner in the Feb. 23 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u> <u>Hometown</u> <u>Amount Won</u> <u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>

Philip Ruggiero Charlotte \$10,000 Petro Express #3979 9620 Rea Rd., Charlotte

Instant scratch-off ticket top tier prize winners:

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<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	Amount Won	Game Played
Desiree Brinson	Merritt	\$10,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
Nancy Davis	Summerfield	\$10,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
Lorianne Ellerbee	Knightdale	\$10,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
Charles Johnson	Kings Mountain	\$10,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
Clark Whitley	Greensboro	\$10,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
Gloria Blake	Norfolk, VA	\$5,000	"Big Ol' Bucks"
Jon Crapps	Charlotte	\$5,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
Amy Voyles	Kannapolis	\$5,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
Charity Wellman	Hiddenite	\$5,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"

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"Carolina Cash 5" Top Prize Winners Tally

Powerball Winners Tally

Prize # of winners

\$1 Million - \$200,000 93 \$50,000 - \$10,000 540

(The Powerball numbers above are since May 31, 2006, but do not include unclaimed prizes.)

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